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On 14 June 1953, a functionary of the Sport und Technik organization stated that the badges of this organization were withdrawn and would soon be replaced by badges which showed no crossed rifles. He said that the flags of the organization had to be turned in; that subcaliber rifles issued to schools and enterprises were impounded by the Volkspolizei; and that all paramilitary training had to be discontinued. He also stated that propaganda leaflets of the organization had to be withdrawn; that everything of a paramilitary nature would be deleted from publications of this organization and that all photographs showing paramilitary activities were withdrawn from the archives of the organization. He also stated that the organization received order not to appear in formation and to engage only in athletic activities.

Comment. The measures indicated by the present report check with the political situation. The Soviets as well as the East German Government will probably make every effort not to engage in actions which might weaken their political position in talks on the problem of Germany.

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